Summary of Professional Licensure Requirements  
Michigan Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants

- Michigan Board of Physical Therapy Rules regarding re-licensure requirements were finalized 9/15/15.

- Each Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant will need to complete 24 PDRs (Professional Development Requirements) from August 2017 to July 2019 when they apply for re-licensure for the first time in July 2019, and every year following 2019.

- The “look back” period is always the 2 year period prior to the re-licensure date.

- PT and PTA licensees will need to accumulate 24 PDR credits within 2 years immediately proceeding renewal. (Example: Those renewing in July 2020 must accumulate 24 PDR’s between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2020.

- PDRs are required for licensure renewal; not for the initial PT/PTA license.

- In addition to the renewal requirements, each licensee must take a course in the Identification of Victims of Human Trafficking. This is ONE TIME requirement and as such is not considered part of the PDR renewal requirements. This cannot be counted as one of your 24 PDR credits.

- Information about PDRs:
  - **No more than 12 PDR credits** shall be earned for approved **online** continuing education programs or activities during one 24-hour period.
  
  - **No PDR credits for substantially identical programs** and activities during the same renewal period.
  
  - **1 PDR** must be earned in the area of pain and symptom management
  
  - **For a complete list of the 19 different PDR activities and options that meet re-licensure PDR activities see below:**
There are 19 activities and options that meet PDR requirements – each has their own maximum limits of PDRs and guidelines

- Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) – Maximum of 20 PDR’s; 1 CEU = 1 PDR
- Post graduate academic courses: Max of 20
- Reading & evaluating professional PT articles: Max of 6; 1 PDR for each article
- Viewing & evaluating professional PT media: Max of 6; 1 hour = 1 PDR
- Presenting approved CEU course: Max of 12; 1 hour = 1 PDR
- Presenting scientific exhibit/paper at conference: Max of 12; Each presentation= 2 PDRs
- Writing professional article that is published: Max of 12; 1 article= 6 PDRs
- Writing professional chapter published in book: Max of 12; 1 chapter = 6 PDRs
- Completing American Board of PT Specialties: Max of 23
- Participating a minimum of 1,000 hours in post graduate clinical training: Max of 12 PDRs
- Participating in health care organization’s committees related to physical therapy: Max of 6; 1 hour= 1 PDR
- Serving as a guest lecturer: Max of 6; 1 hour = 2 PDR’s
- Serving as a Clinical Instructor or Supervisor: Max of 12; 40 hrs = 3 PDRs
- Identifying, researching, addressing a PT issue: Max of 6; 1 PDR for each event
- Participating in task force, board, council related PT: Max of 12; each event = 4 PDRs
- Participating as a surveyor for external agency – PT: Max of 12; 1 hour= 1 PDR
- Perform volunteer work (without pay) related to PT: Max of 6; 1 hour= 1 PDR
- Serving as Center Coordinator-Clinical Education: Max of 4; 1 year = 2 PDRs
- Complete FSBPT practice review tool: - NOTE: FSBPT changed the name of this program to oPTion. Until new Administrative Rules are finalized this is not currently an option for PDR credit. Once the rules are finalized later in 2019 this will count as 3 PDR credits.

Multiple optional tracking tools and options are available to assist with record keeping. Records will be subject to audit for up to 3 years post the renewal date. The CEU Locker available to all professionals free via the MPTA website has all necessary forms for tracking PDRs.